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# SECRETARY HAY WARNS THE ALIVES

The American Shipping Must Interfered with "Peaceful Blockade."

# **POWERS MUST HALT** OR DECLARE WAR

Washington Administration Will Cease from Passive Attitude in Regard to Venezuela-South and Central American Diplomatic Representatives in a State of Anxiety—Situation Regarded Serious.

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ANXIETY AT WASHINGTON

matic Representatives Besiege

Washington, Dec. 15.-The South and

Central American diplomatic represen-

tatives here are in a state of anxiety

at the state department for information.

No less than six ministers were among

Secretary Hay's visitors today, al-

though this was not diplomatic recep-

tion day. Secretary Hay was in con-

ference at the White House for a short

time with the president today regard-

that the United States will become in-

The senate committee on foreign re-

lations made a declaration of the Mon-

roe doctrine when the agitation over

Senator Davis reported the declatory

Gray, now chairman of the Anthracite

Coal Strike Arbitration, announced that

the report was not the unanimous ac

tion of the committee. The senate never

Senator Davis said the action of the

committee was a notice to foreign na-

tions and sufficiently effective without

any vote of the senate. The reclution

then reported declared that the United

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European power to take or acquire any

new or additional territory on the Am-

erican continents, or any island adjac-

ent thereto, or any right of sovereign

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or instance as to which the United

States shall deem such attempt to be

dangerous to its peace and safety by or

through force, purchase, cession, occu-

pation, pledge, colonization, protector-

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any canal or any other means of tran-

sit across the American Isthmus, wheth-

er under unfounded pretention of right

in cases of alleged boundary disputes

or under any other unfounded preten-

friendly disposition toward the United

States and as an interposition, which

it would be impossible in any form fo

LONDON CALLS HALT.

Minister Bowen's Note Makes No

Change in German Plans Con-

cerning Venezuela.

London, Dec. 15.-The Associated

Press has reason to believe that orders

will be or have been sent to the British

commander in Venezuelan waters to

take no further aggressive action at

It was learned this evening that the

proposals now before the British gov-

ernment are the original proposals for

warded by Minister Bowen, but which

now have received strong support from

This came in the form of a proposal

through the United States government

to submit the claims of British and

German subjects to arbitration, which

Lord Lansdowne announced later in the

day in the house of lords, "is now under

consideration by the British govern-

the United States government.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

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resolution from the committee. Senator

Secretary Hay's Office.

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could not be learned.

given to Venezuela.

volved in the controversy.

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Washington, Dec. 15 .- It is probable Britain or Germany, but the details now that the United States will break its attitude of inactivity in the event that an attempt is made to enforce the "peaceful blockade" upon an American ship. When the allies were considering South and Central American Diplo the ways and means of bringing Venezuela to terms and a blockade of this character had been decided upon the German government informed the United States that when the blockade was established it would turn back all shipping, though no effort would be made to seize the ships.

The United States government made no response to this statement at the time last year not feeling called upon to do so before the presentation of an ac-

tual case. Secretary Hay has informed the German government that American ships should not be interfered with in their ing Venezuelan affairs. Senator Cullom trading, except the inhibition applies to all shipping: further, the note intimates a disapproval of stoppage at all. In so doing the state department is following a precedent, for during the effort of the powers to establish a "peaceful blockrete in 1896 man formally recorded a refusal to be bound by it. It happened that no American ship had occasion to enter a Cretun port during the brief period of time the blockade was in force, so the issue was not made then.

## Test Case Must Follow.

In the present case, with regular lines of American steamships entering Venezuelan ports at short intervals, a test case must soon follow. It is within the legal right of the allies to close these ports, but probably this can be accomplished without protest on our part only after a formal declaration of war.

The hope is growing here that such a declaration can, after all, be avoided owing to the energy with which Mr. The proposal of Bowen has acted. President Castro to the allied powers for a peaceful settlement was suggested States of America reaffirms and conby Mr. Bowen, and it came to the state firms the doctrine and principles prodepartment through his hands. It has been forwarded to London and Berlin message of December 2, 1823, and dethrough the embassies here, and as clares that it will assert and maintain both Great Britain and Germany have that doctrine and those principles and heretofore professed a desire to settle the issues peacably, it is hoped that and particularly any attempt by any they will avail of this opportunity.

The proposal did not mention the method of arbitration, nor the limitations, and the point of doubt, which may prevent the acceptance of the scheme, is believed to be Castro's unwillingness to bind himself in advance to the recognition of the principle of He would leave the arbitrators to determine whether or not he is Hable at all.

Minister Bowen has confirmed the press reports to the effect that the guns of the allied fleet which bombarded Puerto Cabello on Saturday were directed entirely at the fortifications, and

not at the town. statement relieves the affair of the first suspicion that it constituted a violation of international law, in the fact that twenty-four hours' notice was the United States to regard with indifnot served of the bombardment. The requirement as to notice applies to unfortified or fortified towns where fire must be directed upon the inhabit ants, and this was not the case a Puerto Cabello. While the officers here regret that the firing took place, they

#### have as yet no cause to protest. Reason for Delay.

It has developed that the reason for the delay in the consideration of President Castro's proposal to arbitrate the disputes with Great Britain and Germany was the absence from London of Lord Lansdowne, the British minister for foreign affairs. That officer spends Saturday and Sunday of each week at his country place, and does not allow present pending a decision on the proany business to interfere with his rest.

It appears that this proposition had more than a perfunctory indorsement by the United States government, Mr Bowen having asked permission to endeavor to settle the matter by arbitration, Secretary Hay not only promptly accorded the permission, but went to the length of himself dispatching the roposal, which up to that point had been rather vague and informal, to the

British and German governments. The Italian ambassador, Signor Mayer Des Planches, today called at the state department to take soundings 's government as to the attitude in the event a settlement of its gainst Venezuela. It appears that the Italian desires are not by any means as comprehensive or the de-

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method of settlement of the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. He is in constant communication with the state department at Washington. Nothing definite has yet been arranged, but it is understood that there is some hope of further hostilities being averted. The negotiations are handicapped by the absence from London of everal of the cabinet ministers, as be-fore an answer can be given the cabinet will probably have to meet. final decision is expected before Wed-

Lord Lansdowne said he had no of icial information regarding the reported bombardment of Puerto Cabello. Continuing, the foreign secretary said hat since the parliamentary paper, givng the Venezuelan correspondence had been issued the government had received from Ministr Haggard a cabled sum mary of what purports to be Venezue la's reply to the British ultimatum.

Therein Venezuela complains that no reparation was offered by Great Britain for the landing of the marines or for the conduct of the British authorities of Trinidad. This dispatch closed with saying that Venezuela represented that as her treasury was exhausted, it was mpossible for the government to meet ts debts for the moment, but directly peace was declared it would not be nec essary to remind the Venezuelan govrnment of its obligations.

Lord Lansdowne's statement was frawn out by Earl Spencer, who refered to the manner in which the foreign secretary recently "criticized and made sarcastic and jocular remarks regarding that small country, Venezuela." The earl said he considered to be most unfortunate that the foreign secretary should have adopted such a tone to ward a country with which negotiations were pending.

## ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE.

Lord Cranborne Says That No Country Has Been More Anxious to Maintain Monroe Doctrine.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 15 .- The house of comnons was crowded this evening when the Venezuelan matter came up for de-bate. Henry White, the American well-disposed Democrat pointed out to

diplomatic gallery.
Mr. Schwann, after having expressed that finds expression in frequent calls surprise that the government was anxlous for another war after South Africa, complained of the paucity of the information concerning the Venezuelan situation which has been given to par- Mr. Howell it was gathered that he liament. He said he hoped arbitration would be accepted, because although President Roosevelt is anxious to act late in the Fifty-eighth congress. Howcorrectly, the situation is full of danand Representative Hitt, the heads of ger and the president's hand might be forced by politicians. the two committees on foreign affairs

of congress, also the president, but it was stated that little attention was Schwann. He reproached this member with a desire to discredit the govern- house of representatives. Among senators and representatives ment and explained that the papers in who have discussed the Venezuelan the Venezuelan matters were very vol-matter with President Roosevelt, the uninous and that those issued today situation is regarded as serious, but it were only a summary. He said Great is not generally believed to be likely Britain had to perform police duty among the nations and had to prevent Venezuela from breaking the law of nations. The United States took the Famine Is Already Affecting Govsensible view that Great Britain's in sistence that Venezuela should meet the Schomburg line in Venezuela was her engagements was no infraction of the Monroe doctrine. No country has intense. On January 20, 1896, the late been more anxious than Great Britain, said Lord Cranborne, to assist the By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. American government in maintaining

the doctrine. This remark was greeted with cheersaid the British government had dis- would have to be closed in event of played great forbearance, and that it anything like blizzard weather, and thrice summoned to do right that the coal supply at the postoffice departgovernment had been driven to strong ment was exhausted early this mornof these measures the government de-

moderation. Lord Cranborne said also that the from local dealers. will regard any infringement thereof, plockade would be carried out with every regard for the interests of neu- days' supply now, but no fears are felt

#### MONROE DOCTRINE SKY HIGH. Deputy Sentini of Italy's Chamber of Deputies Says So.

By Exclusive Wire from The Amoriated Press. Rome, Dec. 15.-In the Chamber of to-day Foreign Minister Pricetti, replying to an interpellation, made statement on the subject of Italy's atticauses leading up to the Anglo-German 'Italy on her side claims damages for

her citizens who sustained losses during the insurrection which has disturbed the epublic since April, the Italian minister Caracas having exhausted all efforts to bring about a friendly adjustment presented a list of claims reduced to a mininum of 2,810,256 Bolivars."

The prime minister was followed by Deputy Sentini, who expressed confidence in the government's policy and urged ac ord with Germany and Great Britain The deputy warned the Italian govern-ment to "watch the United States, whose imperialism is a political and a com-mercial menace to Europe, and especially to Italy, the weakest of the great pow

Deputy Sentini declared that the energetic attitude of Germany and Great Britain had sent the Monroe doctrine sky high, as the United States understood t was not dealing with poor Spain. The speaker recommended that further reinforcements be sent to Venezuelar

## ECUADOR IS AROUSED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Guayaquil, Equador, Dec. 15 .- A patriot ic demonstration took place here last night. A large number of people who had attended a meeting went to the Venezue-lan and to all the other South American consulates, shouting "Long Live Castro," "Long Live Venezuela," and "Long Live the South American countries."

The participants in the demonstration before dispersing adopted a resolution asking President Plaza to protest of-ficially against the action of the allied

## Closed for Lack of Coal.

Lord Lansdowne added: "We are greatly indebted to the good offices of the United States minister at Caracas."

In Ambassador Choate's absence Charge d'Affaires White is making every effort to arrange some pacific of the Diamond State Steel company, in this city, had to be closed down to-day, on account of inability to obtain a supply of coal, temporarily throwing about 3.

## **HOWELL LOOKS OVER FIELD**

Tries His Hand at Buttonholing Congressmen in Interest of His Side of the Contest.

## EVIDENTLY DIDN'T GET MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT

From the Tenor of His Talk It Is Inferred That He Expects to Be Unseated but Fancies He Will Sit Out the Greater Part of the Session. An Expectation That in All Probability Will Be Disappointed.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.-Members of congress who were present at the session today were vastly amused in quiet way at the appearance of George Howell, of Scranton, who claims to be the member-elect from the Eleventh Congressional district. While the members were busily engaged in listening to the discussion on the District of Columbia bill, which involved the €x penditure of millions of money, Mr. Howell appeared on the floor of the house and proceeded to buttonhole Democratic members regarding the coming contest which has been instituted by Congressman Wilham Connell The annoyed members listened with apparent courtesy to the pleadings of Mr. Howell, but it was noticed that many quiet smiles passed between them when the eager claimant had taken his There was much amusedeparture. ment over this attempt of Mr. Howell

charge d'affaires, had a seat in the Mr. Howell the absurdity of his premature efforts, for he suddenly disappeared and it is not thought likely that he will again put in an appearance at this session, at least the annoyed members hope not. From the talk indulged in today by

to urge his own ridiculous claims fully

a year before the contest will take

fully expected to be unseated, but he thought that it would not be until very ever, taking into consideration recent developments connected with the recent election in the Eleventh district, Mr. Lord Cranborne spoke after Mr. Howell will be very much surprised at the early date of his exit from the

## LIMITED COAL SUPPLY IN WASHINGTON

ernment Buildings and Supply Is Nearly Exhausted.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The coal famne already is affecting the governmen buildings and the supply in most cases Continuing, the foreign secretary is nearly exhausted. Some of them was only after Venezuela had been rigid economy has been ordered. The neasures to secure the safety, liberty ing. The electric lights above the first and property of British subjects in floor, and the private elevator of the Venezuela, and that in the execution postmaster general, were shut off. The steam plant at the interior department sired to pursue the same course of was also shut down over an hour, but a limited supply finally was secured

The capitol building has exactly two there, as the contract with the Read ing railroad requires that company to furnish sufficient fuel to keep the build ing heated. The agricultural, census and other buildings, likewise, have a very limited supply,

Considerable relief from the coal famine is expected to result from orders issued today by the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia authorizing the laying of temporary adude towards Venezuela. He reviewed the ditional steam railroad tracks expressly for coal delivery. The action was based on representations that one railroad company had 100 cars loaded with anthracite and bituminous coal in its yards here, but could not discharge them for want of trackage, and that with more tracks that company would be able to deliver to Washington dealers thirty or forty carloads a day until the situation is materially improved. It is claimed that the coal from this source and from the other railroads will permit a fairly satisfactory supply to the city.

#### PEACE IN THE LEAGUES. Ball Schedules Will be Arranged to

Avoid Conflicting Dates.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Messrs, Somers and Kilfoyle, the Cleveland baseball mag nates, returned to-day from New York, where negotiations for peace between the two leagues were commenced last week. "The prospects of reaching an amicable working basis between the two leagues at the coming conference," said Mr. Kil-foyle, "are very bright. The playing foyle, "are very bright. The playing schedule of the National League will al-most certainly be revised, in order to avoid conflicting dates. All litigation and controversy over players will be dropped The American League has never signed a player who had a bona fide contract with the National League. As a result, we will not be required to release single player.
"On the other hand, every contract with

# our players will be carried out, regard-less of the salary involved."

Mitchell Welcomed Home. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Spring Valley, Ill., Dec. 15 .- John Mitch ell was given a warm welcome upon his return to his old home to-day. Spring Valley observed the day as a general holiday and business was suspended in

#### ACTIVITY AT LONDON.

Effort to Arrange Settlement.

London, Dec. 15.—In Ambassador Choate's absence Charge d'Affaires White is making every effort to arrange some pacific method of the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. He is in constant communication with the state department at Washington. Nothing definite has been yet arranged, but the As-sociated Press understands that there is some hope of further hostilities being

The negotiations are handicapped by the absence from London of several of the cabinet members, as before an ans-wer can be given the cabinet will have to meet. No final decision is expected before Wednesday.

#### BRITISH AND CUBAN TREATY. Foreign Office to Claim "Favored

Nation" Rights.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Commons to-day regarding the negotia-tions for a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba, and the steps proposed to protect British rights under the most favored nation treatment. Lord Cranborne said that representations had been made to Washington on the sub-ject, but that no reply had yet been re-

## DOINGS OF **CONGRESS**

### Measure for Union Station In Washington-Other Matters Considered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 15.-The house to day passed the senate bill for a Union railway station in this city, to cost \$4,-000,000. The station is to be situated north of the present site of the Baltimore and Ohio depot, at Delaware and Massachusetts avenues, and on the front of it is to be a large plaza park. The Pennsylvania railway, by the terms of the bill, is to remove its tracks from the mall and reach the site of the proposed station through a tunnel to run between the capitol and Library buildings.

The government is to pay the Penn-sylvania railway \$1,500,000 and the Baltimore and Ohio \$500,000, in addition to providing for the plaza park. The hous also passed an urgent deficiency bill, which carried, among other items, an appropriation of \$500,000 for eradicating the foot and mouth disease in New England. A bill was passed to provide for the allotment in severalty of the lands of the New York Indians, The bill provides that prior to the allotment the claim of the Ogden Land company ould be decided in the courts and found that it could be purchased for the benefit of the Indians for a sum not exceeding \$200,000.

The senate amendments to the strike ommission bill were disagreed to, and the bill sent to conference. The speaker appointed Messrs, Can-

on the part of the house. The senate today discussed the bill to promote the efficiency of the militia, and also the omnibus statehood bill. After agreeing to the concurrent resolution of the house for an adjournment from December 20 to January 5, Mr. Proctor called up the militia bill. An amendment by Mr. Pettus striking from the bill Section 24, having parthe civil authority of the United States. The bill was laid aside for the omnious statehood bill. Senator Dillingham, of Vermont, spoke in opposition to the ROUND HOUSE ROOF bill, occupying the time of the senate until adjournment. After a brief ex-

#### WILL TEST ADULTERATED FOOD A Score of Workmen and Seventee Half Dozen Young Men Will Eat Preserved Stuff.

ecutive session, the senate adjourned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 15.—About a dozen by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. diet furnished by the agricultural de partment and designed to test the effect of food adulterants. It was the first day of the actual inclusion of borax and other be furnished the young men for a long period under the direction of Chemist Wiley, of the department. He believes that the results will show the harmlessness of preservatives of such food products in a number of instances. The young men have been taking their

direction but until to-day no adulterants were used in the food. The object was to put them in the best possible physical condition before beginning the actual feeding of the preservatives

## Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 15,-Sailed: Steamer Deutschland, Hamburg. Antwerp-Arrived: Steamer Zeeland, New York.

Gibraltar-Arrived: Steamer Lahn, New York for Naples and Genoa. Sailed: Steamer Trave, New York via Naples and Cherbourg-Sailed: Steamer Kaiser Wil-

helm der Grosse (from Bremen and Southampton), New York. Plymouth-Arrived Steamer Pennsylania. New York for Hamburg, via Cher

Fined for Extortion.

## By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Reading, Pa., Dec. 15.—William H. Ly on, aged 73, for fifty years constable police officer, special detective, etc., and

a leading Republican politician of this city was to-day sentenced to six months imprisonment and a fine of \$100, he having been convicted of extortion in ac-cepting \$90 in settlement of two gambling in which he was the prosecutor

#### Pickets are Discharged. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.-Judge Muiger, he Federal Court to-day discharged th twenty-seven Union Pacific striker charged with contempt in maintaining "picket line," and intimidating workmen The court ruled that the evidence wa

# Charge d'Affaires White Making ONE MORE WITNESS Effort to Arrange Settlement. ON THE MINERS' SIDE

## **BISHOP TALBOT ON** THE WITNESS STAND

He Proves the Star for the Defense in the Celebrated Irvine Case at Huntingdon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 15.-The trial of the conspiracy charge brought by Dr. I. N. W. Irvine, the deposed rector of St. John's church, of this place Loadon, Dec. 15.—The under-foreign of St. John's church, of this place, secretary was questioned in the House of against Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Elliott was resumed this afternoon with Bishop Talbot on the stand. The bishop acknowledged that he had written the letter to Mrs. Elliott in which he characterized Dr. Irvine as being a 'slimy fellow," and advising Mrs. Elliott to have him convicted in a court of record so that he (the bishop) could unfrock him. The presentment to the court covering the evidence at the ecclesiastical court of inquiry, was virtually as follows:

"The language which he was shown to have used to women was much of it unfit to be printed in a reputable paper," and that notwithstanding he was a married man he freely used language and gestures inviting improper relations, and that he scandalized religion and was convicted of holding moneys due the church."

The bishop was the star witness this afternoon for the defense. His counsel was willing to have him cross-examined ad libitum. The alleged forged letter written in Mrs. Elliott's name to the bishop was admitted as evidence. This letter purported to be a retraction of Mrs. Elliott's desire to have Dr. Ir-

Rebuttal for the plaintiff was immeliately taken up but nothing of particimportance was elicited. A motion by the defense will be made to-morrow to have the court instruct the jury to bring in a peremptory verdict for the defendants.

## LARGE POOL TO BE LOANED IN MARKET

A \$50,000,000 Fund Raised to Be Available in Case of Actual Emergency.

New York, Dec. 15 .- A number of anks of this city and J. P. Morgan & Co., have formed a pool of \$50,000,000 to lend in the money market in the event of actual emergency.

The pool was organized by George F. Baker, president of the First National non, Barney and Livingston conferees Bank. That bank, J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Bank, the Case National Bank, the National Bank of Commerce, the Hanover National Bank, the Fourth National Bank and the Western National Bank have National and the Bank of New York, licular reference to the reserve force \$1,000.000 each. This measure is really of trained men, provoked some discus- a protective one and it is not appresion, Mr. Pettus raising the point that hended that any of the money will the section would be an infraction of actually be needed. It will be put out, however, should the occasion arise,

# COLLAPSED

Locomotives Are Buried in the Ruins-None Killed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.-The roof and supports of the round house in the Pennsylvania Railroad company's West Philadelphia yards collapsed today, burying more than a score of workmen and thirty-one locomotives. A fire broke out in the ruins but the flames were quickly extinguished. Several of the injured sustained broken limbs, but one was seriously hurt.

The roof of the structure, which was erected many years ago, was of wood covered with slate, supported by iron uprights. It is believed the weight of snow and ice which had lain on the oof since Saturday weakened the building. Seventeen locomotives were badly damaged.

## BOILER HOUSE BURNED.

Abandoned Plant of Clark Coal Company Destroyed. The old abandoned boiler house a the Clark Tunnel Coal company's mines

in North Scranton was destroyed by fire at midnight. An alarm was sent in from Box 85 at West Market and Winona streets, but when the firemen reached the scene the structure was beyond saving.

One old boiler, out of service, was in the building. The origin of the fire is unknown. The damage is of little con-

## COMMISSION WILL ATTEND.

Have Accepted Invitation to Be Guests at New England Dinner. The members of the Anthracite Strike Commission have accepted an invitation to attend the dinner of the New

England society on Friday night and all of them will be present. It is probable that one of the toasts will be responded to by Judge Gray, the chairman of the commission. The dinner promises to be the most largely attended and enjoyable ever conducted

Commission Will Adjourn Saturday to Meet Again in Philadelphia After the Holldays.

## SAD LOT OF LITTLE SILK MILL GIRLS

One of Them Told That She Works Twelve Hours a Night Six Nights a Week for Three Cents an Hour. Investigation Proves That Their Fathers Earn Big Money and That Two of Them Own Property-Judge Gray Expresses Indignation and Declares It Is an Outrage—Factory Inspector Summoned - Mass of Data from Mr. Lloyd.

With one more witness, National President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, who is to take the stand today, to testify to wage earnings in general, the miners will complete their case in chief before the mine strike commission. The district presidents will not be put on the

stand. The operators will open their case today with a general statement for all the respondents, to be read by Hon. Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and vine ousted from the parish. After Iron company. The remainder of the strenuous skirmishing, the defense resttation of testimony from the operators side, the Delaware and Hudson company taking the lead. On Saturday the commission will adjourn over the holidays, to meet again Monday, Jan. 5, 1903, in Philadelphia, the operators preferring to have the commission sit in that city while hearing their side of the case, and a new meeting place being made necessary by the fact that the superior court meets here in January, in the room in which the commis-

sion is sitting.

The miners will ask the commission to come back to Scranton to hear their rebuttal testimony. This will likely be

The closing testimony of the miners consisted of complaints from more Philadelphia and Reading and Erie company employes, on comparatively trivial matters. Attorney John J. Murphy. Congressman Charles Brumm, Clarence S. Darrow and James Shea conducted the examinations for the miners. Attorney S. P. Wolverton, of the Reading, and Major Everett Warren, of the Erie, did the bulk of the cross-examining.

## Silk Mill Girls.

Four small girls from Dunmore, who work in the silk mills, some of them on the night shift, and all of them in defiance of the law against child labor. pledged thmeselves for \$5.000,000 each. proved somewhat of a disappointment The Corn Exchange Bank agrees to as witnesses. It was intended to show subscribe \$2,500,000 and the Chemical to the commission that children like these are taken away from home influence and made to do very arduous work by reason of their fathers not being able to earn enough in the mines to support their families. The commission, however, did not see it that way, and Judge Gray scathingly rebuked the fathers who "coined the flesh and blood of little children into money when there was no necessity for it." He declared it to be an outrage. The names of the little girls. fathers were taken and investigations, during the noon recess, disclosed the fact that they are all working steadily and making on an average of about

\$100 a month, each. As the day was drawing to a close, Henry D. Lloyd, the sociologist, who is one of the miners' representatives before the commission, sought to introduce a great mass of data on the economics of the coal business by reading reports of the findings of various commissions since 1871, and articles from different publications tending to show the existence of a coal trust which stiffes competition, keeps up prices of coal and makes mine earnings appear small by transferring them, through the medium of exhorbitant freight rates to the earnings of its railroad department.

The commission, hesitatingly heard him for an hour and a half, against repeated protests of the operators' attorneys that the matter was wholly irrelevant. Finally, the commission concluded the testimony was hardly relevant unless the companies made claim that they could not afford to pay what the miners are asking. At Judge Gray's suggestion, the remainder of Mr. Lloyd's testimony was deferred until after the operators' side has been

Matter of Profit and Loss.

The operators' side averred repeatedly that the question of profit and [Continued on Page 3.]

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for thec. 15, 1902; owest temperature, ...... 5 degrees 

#### ............... WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington. Dec. 15.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Eastern Pensylvania: Rain in south, rain or snow in north pertion Tuesday, warmer, brisk to high east to south winds; Wednes-

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